



NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM (NICS) SECTION

**Point-of-Contact (POC)
Support Team**

Free Assistance

Would you like to receive free NICS assistance for your agency, your staff, yourself? In an effort to support the states, the NICS Section has developed a team of Liaison Specialists that will provide in-depth assistance on various topics concerning the NICS. The sessions can be tailored to fit whatever time or topics needed. The following is a list of various topics that have been developed to-date:

1) NICS 101

A brief summary of the entire NICS process, including how a NICS background check is processed and why the NICS Section would be contacting you for help or support.

2) Federal Prohibitors

An in-depth look into all of the federal prohibitors and what criteria are necessary to qualify under each category.

3) State Prohibitors

A brief look into various state prohibitors that could disqualify a subject from the purchase of a firearm.

4) Statute Interpretation

An overview that provides help in determining if a statute contains the necessary elements to disqualify a subject under federal criteria, i.e., misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence.

5) Research Strategies and Information Sharing

Examples of various strategies that can assist in the process of researching criminal records and the sharing of the information obtained.

6) The NICS Index

A detailed look into what information is contained in the NICS Index and what is necessary to contribute to the NICS Index.

7) The Voluntary Appeal File (VAF)

An overview designed to explain the processing of a request for entry of a subject into the VAF and how to access the file when conducting a background check.

8) Immigration Alien Query (IAQ)

Results

A detailed review of the requirement to check with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on the eligibility of a non-U.S. citizen to purchase a firearm and the interpretation of the responses received from the ICE.

9) The NICS Appeal Process

A summarization of the procedures and requirements for an appeal.

10) NICS Misuse Issues

A brief review and examples of system misuses, which include the “dos and don’ts” of a NICS user.

11) POC, Partial POC and Alternative Permit State Responsibilities

An overview for a state/agency designated as a POC, Partial POC or Alternative Permit State to ensure that federal requirements are followed.

12) Implementing a Quality Assurance Program

An overview designed to assist agencies on possible ways to set up a review process to ensure the quality of the work that is being performed.

13) Assistance with specialized training from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the ICE.

If requested, the NICS Section will make contact with the ATF and the ICE representatives to provide instruction or clarification on problem areas associated with the agencies.

FACT

The POC Support Team is available to all states, not just POC states. We will work with any state, agency, conference, or individual that believes that they would like assistance on various NICS topics and information.

Quotes from Previous Sessions

“This was totally awesome. I have a better understanding of the process.”

-Yakima PD

“Outstanding presentation - practical and informative.”

-South Carolina Users Conference

“A better understanding of the NICS and the information available.”

-Mississippi Department of Public Safety

“Thank you for the training and information where the agency or I can call for help.”

-North Carolina Bureau of Investigation

“The speakers made a great impression on dedication to helping us figure this process out. Thank You!”

-Washington State TAC Conference

“I now feel comfortable with the NICS and how to use it and what to expect from the NICS. I will use my material faithfully to improve my performance.”

-Mississippi Department of Public Safety

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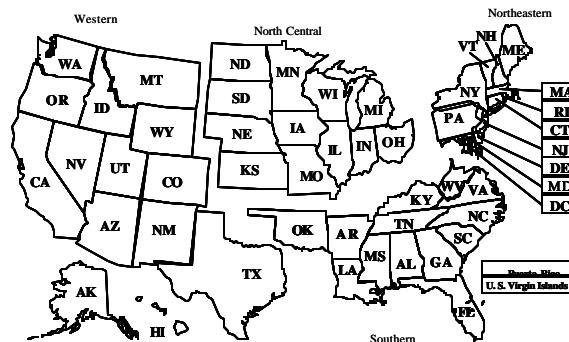
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